



William C. Fownes, Jr.

Executive Committee Meets at Oakmont

**William C. Fownes, Jr. Made Honorary Member
Convention Committees Appointed**

A special meeting of the Executive committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held at Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, on December 12. It was called for the purpose of laying plans for the annual convention and golf show scheduled for February 21-25 at the Fort Shelby

Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Special committees appointed by President John Morley to serve during convention week were:

Committee on Law—Joseph Valentine, Philadelphia, chairman; Victor George, LaFayette, Indiana; Alex Pirie, Chicago, Illinois; W. D. Chinery, Eglinton, Ontario; C. G. Barton, Toledo, Ohio; J. O. Campbell, Normal, Nebraska; Hugh C. Moore, Brunswick, Georgia.

Committee on Appeals & Grievances—B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland, Ohio, chairman; Robert Henderson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joseph P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, Cal.; H. Hawkins, Port Credit, Ontario; James Muir, Cincinnati, Ohio; George Wellin, New Britain, Conn.; Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan.

Committee on Finance—Emil Loeffler, Oakmont, Pa., chairman; E. E. Snyder, Hartsville, Ohio; Joseph T. Varn Hagen, Sr., Redford, Mich.; Charles E. Mills, Lake Mary, Florida; Wm. W. Stewart, Sawtelle, Cal.; Al Schardt, Buffalo, N. Y.; Anthony G. Wagner, Rock Island, Ill.

Committee on Golf Show—Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland, Ohio, chairman; Edward B. Dearie, Chicago, Illinois; Herbert E. Shave, Detroit, Michigan; George Sargent, Columbus, Ohio; John Gray, Sandwich, Ontario; Charles Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Captain David L. Rees, New York.

Committee on National Greenkeeper—A. E. Lundstrom, Brooklyn, New York, chairman; Lewis M. Evans, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia; A. M. Esterline, Muncie, Indiana; Christopher Bain, Cleveland, Ohio; Fred W. Sherwood, Ravinia, Illinois; John Fife, Duluth, Minnesota; Harry Hanson, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Committee on Death Benefit Fund—John Pressler, Sewickley, Pa., chairman; Fred Kruger, Matteson, Illinois; James Livingstone, Avondale, Georgia; Thos. K. McClenahan, Edmonton, Alberta; Chester Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas; Gus Stahl, Tulsa, Oklahoma; D. R. Valentine, Mitchell, So. Dakota.

Committee on Benevolence—John MacGregor, Wheaton, Ill., chairman; Eric H. W. Pahl, Hopkins, Minnesota; George Davies, Louisville, Kentucky; Alex McWhinnie, Burlington, Wisconsin; Paul Andress, Salem, No. Carolina; John Anderson, West Orange, N. J.; Carl A. Bretzloff, Indianapolis, Ind.

Committee on Permanent Organization—Charles Jarman, Canton, Ohio, chairman; William Bryden, New Haven, Conn.; J. T. Anderson, Scarboro, Ontario; Richard Baxter, Williamstown, Mass.; William McLean, Great Neck,

L. I.; Otto Nelson, Farmington, Conn.; A. B. Schoenbeck, Alameda, Cal.

It was decided that all greenkeepers allowed to be present at the annual business meeting to be held on the morning of Saturday, February 25, shall be members in good standing of the National Association.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. R. H. Montgomery, chairman of the Green Section of the Detroit District, for his offer of co-operation in making the annual convention and golf show a success.

A discussion of plans for the National Greenkeepers' Show followed, and Mr. Morley advised the group that the Detroit greenkeepers are working with enthusiasm to the end that the convention shall be an outstanding success. Also that Mr. J. E. Frawley, manager of the Hotel Fort Shelby, is offering full support in the matter of accommodations at special low prices, as well as the best of service to all who attend the convention.

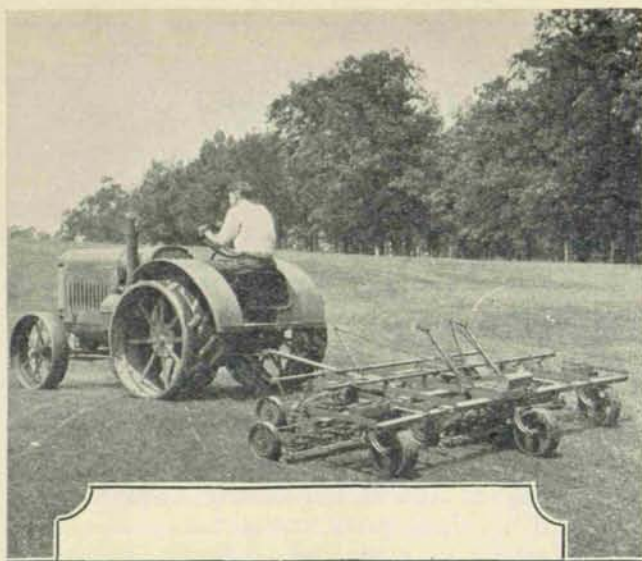
At the close of the Executive session, luncheon was served at the club to members of the Executive committee and the Western Pennsylvania Association of Greenkeepers. Immediately after luncheon, John Pressler, president of the local association, introduced Mr. Morley. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Morley said, "This is the first time in fifteen years that I have had an opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to Mr. William C. Fownes, Jr., and Emil Loeffler, of Oakmont Country Club, for the great service they granted me when I took over the course at the Youngstown Country Club. From these two men I got my first real information on the keeping of greens."

Mr. Morley further stated, "There are no two men in the country who have a greater influence upon the business world than the club manager and the greenkeeper. Napoleon never allowed his men to go into battle unless well fed. The efforts of the club manager in arranging meals that appeal to the minds and bodies of playing members, equip golfers to enjoy the game. A course in the pink of condition gives the players recreation without unnecessary irritation. Such conditions are immediately reflected on the results that financiers and professional men achieve in daily business life."

Mr. Morley requested a motion to make Mr. William C. Fownes, Jr., an honorary member of the National Association, which was unanimously passed.

Emil Loeffler, well known greenkeeper of Oakmont, stated his opinion of the National Association in these

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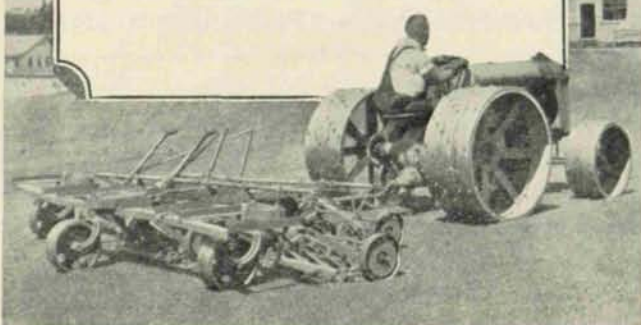
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words "I consider it to be the greatest power for good that has ever been started in the golf world of America."

One remark made in the course of Fred Burkhardt's talk reaches into the future of the national organization, and was heartily acclaimed by all present. "Nothing can stop us," said Mr. Burkhardt, "except short-sightedness, which should never be allowed to creep into the National Association. We must keep a broad viewpoint in all our dealings and our decisions."

John McNamara, first vice-president of the National Association, and greenkeeper at the Pittsburgh Field Club, next addressed the meeting. "When I went around to golf courses years ago, I met few greenkeepers," he said, "but since the first annual meeting we held in Chicago I have met two or three hundred of them. One duty enjoined upon every member of our National association is the searching out of greenkeepers in towns we pass through. They will always welcome the visiting greenkeepers. Show your card of membership, and if the greenkeeper you are talking to is not a member, make him one. Some greenkeepers are so far away from other courses that they find their only communication with the profession is through their membership and receiving the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER every month. I strongly urge every member to make friends with greenkeepers wherever they can be found. Scatter friendship and gather members every chance you can get."

John MacGregor gave a most interesting report of the work being done by the Mid-West Association in Chicago, and in his capacity as second vice-president of the National Association, he expressed his confidence that organizing the greenkeepers last year was a start made at an auspicious time. "We have only scratched the surface of what can be done," said Mr. MacGregor. "I believe that within five years every greenkeeper in the United States and Canada will be a member of the National, and we owe Mr. Morley more credit than we can ever give him."

Say you saw the ad in The National Greenkeeper